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LEGISLATURE CONVENES.

Thirty-First Biennial Session Is Now at Work.

KENNEDY IS THE SPEAKER

House Is Called to Order by Secretary of State Davie, While Lieutenant Governor Davidson Does Like Service in the Upper Branch.

Austin, Jan. 12.—With a quorum present in both branches the Thirty-first legislature conveney in biennial session at noon today.

The house was called to order by Secretary of State Davie and the senate by Lieutenant Governor Davidson. All visitors in the house were made to go on the second floor, while in the senate they were permitted to remain on the first floor.

In the house after the divine blessing had been invoked by Rabbi Grad of Austin, the roll call disclosed practically all members present. Temporary organization was effected as follows: Chief clerk, Bob Barker, Bexar county; sergeant-at-arms, Seb Newman, Ellis county; assistant sergeant-at-arms, Charles uBrkes, Bell; E. B. ..illis, Denton; J. C. Adrain, Travis; W. S. Castle, Tarrant; journal clerk, J. L. Robison, Leon; doorkeeper, W. J. L. Sullivan, Cass.

Nominations for speaker being called for Representative Strickland presented the name of Representative Mobley, while Representative Hill presented the name of Representative Kennedy.

Mr. Mobley was referred to as a man who had commenced life as a farmer, while Mr. Kennedy was declared to be aself-made man and uncompromizingly for submission of a prohibition amendment. Mr. Hill declared if Kennedy was elected speaker the house would pas a bill to this end within ten days. Mr. Mobley is also a submissionist, and this issue was not raised during the presentation of his name.

After seconding speeches in behalf of both candidates had been made a vote was taken, resulting as follows: Kennedy, 67; Mobley, 63.

Frank Hornbuckle of Bosque county was elected sergeant-at-arms of the senate, defeating C. H. Allen of Travis county by a vote of 16 to 15. The contest over this position was keen.

A feature of the proceedings in the house was the presence of Rev. Dr. Rankin and a committee of submissionists, who occupied seats directly above the speaker's stand.

Senator Paulus of Lavaca county said he would introduce a constitutional amendment providing that occupation taxes collected shall remain in the county in which they are collected and not turned over to the state treasury. The purpose is not to let local option counties profit by revenues collected in the wet counties.

ZAPATA COUNTY'S VOTE.

There Is No Parallel Case In the History of American Politics.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Analysis of the returns of the recent presidential election discloses that one county of the United States, Zapata county, Texas, cast its vote unanimously for the Republican presidential electors.

This fact was stated recently to Franklin K. Lane of the interstate commerce commission and he took occasion to investigate the matter. In substantiation of the statement he is in receipt of a certificate from W. R. Davie, secretary of state of Texas, declaring that Zapata county cast its 429 votes solidly for the Taft and Sherman electors. The population of the county is les than 3,000. Careful examination fails to disclose a similar case in the history of the American political elections.

Prominent Fruit Grower Gone.

Waco, Jan. 12.—Calton Falkner, aged sixty-three, probably the largest individual fruit grower in Texas, died Tuesday morning suddenly of heart failure.

Fight Fire With Difficulty.

Paris, Tex., Jan. 12.—Residences of Mrs. James Kucker and G. T. Thompson were consumed. Owing to the freezing weather the firemen fought the flames with difficulty.

Occurred Eight Years Ago.

Lufkin, Jan. 12.—An officer left for Hillsboro to secure Ada Hall, a negress, arrested there charged with killing a negro at Lufkin eight years ago.

OHIO HORROR.

Mrs. Millie Donnelly Murdered and Husband's Throat Slashed.

Oxford, O., Jan. 12.—Mrs. Millie Donnelly was murdered in her home here, having been shot hrough the head. On a table in the room where the body lay was found a note signed by Frank Donnelly, the woman's husband, in which all were wished good-bye and asked that the body be sent to his sister at Shelbyville, nId.

A telegram from Hamilton states that Frank Donnelly walked into the office of J. D. aMrshall with his throat slashed and wrists bleeding and three pistol wounds in his head. The man was scarcely able to whisper his name. He was taken to a hospital, where it was said that he could not live.

HAD WITS WITH HER.

By Prompt Action Young Lady Teacher Saves Lives of Charges.

Pottsville, Pa., Jan. 12.—Thirty-five pupils of the Mount Carbon school, south of Pottsville, and the teacher, Miss Laura Deisher, were overcome by coal gas, caused by a leaky stove pipe, and it was only through the prompt action of the young woman that the lives of her charges were saved.

Noticing several of the children falling asleep and she becoming stupefied Miss Deisher quickly comprehended the cause. She picked up four of the children and carried them outside and in returning for a fifth she was herself overcome and fell over unconscious.

Several women living in the neighborhood saw the four little ones lying on the schoolhouse porch and upon investigation found the entire school of thirty-five children in a comatose state. Physicians were summoned from Pottsville and succeeded in resuscitating all of them after considerable trouble.

LOWEST OF WINTER.

Snowfall Extends All Over Missouri and Kansas and Most of Oklahoma.

Kansas City, Jan. 12.—After a fall of snow extending over the entire states of Missouri and aKnsas and covering over three-fourts of Oklahoma the temperature Tuesday was the lowest of the year. Topeka, Kan., reported 10 below zero and oFrt Smith, Ark., 3 below uTesday. The precipitation of ten inches was reported at Springfield, Mo.

Sixteen Degrees Below.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 12.—Sixteen degrees below zero was reported from oNrfolk Tuesday morning. At 6 o'clock it was 2 degrees below.

Coldest In Ten Years.

Lockhart, Tex., Jan. 12.—Coldest weather in ten years prevailed in southwest Texas Tuesday. Snow fell during the day.

Twenty Below Zero.

St. Paul, Jan. 12.—Twenty degrees below zero was what offiical thermometer recorded here Tuesday.

ASCRIBED TO JEALOUSY.

Mrs. Flora Jackson Kills Her Husband and Fatally Shoots Another Woman.

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 12.—Inflamed with jealousy of Fose Simmons, it is alleged Mrs. Flora Jackson shot and instantly killed her husband, Samuel Jackson, and hastening to the Simmons' home shot and fatally wounded her alleged rival. Mrs. Jackson was arraigned before the justice and bound to the district court on charge of murder. It happened at Haskell.

Crowded With Refugees.

Cantania, Jan. 12.—The American relief ship Bayern, which has arrived here, has a wide field for charities. The town is crowded with refugees and hospitals and municipal relief committees are eagerly and gratefully accepting all supplies offered. The American relief committee here is communicating with Rome through a wireless apparatus at Bayern and the supply ship Culgoa.

Battleships Arrive.

Ville Franche, Jan. 12.—The battleships Minnesota, Vermont and Kansas of the American Atlantic fleeet have arrived.

Seven Go Down to Death.

Singapore, Jan. 12.—The French liner Polynesien, from aMrseilles for Yokohama, ran down and sank the Dutch steamer Djamdi at a wharf here. Seven natives drowned.

AGAIN DEFENDS NEGROES.

Foraker Charges Illegal Using of Funds to Secure Evidence.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Renewal of the discussion of the Brownsville affair in the senate Tuesday by Senator Foraker called out a large gathering that filled the galleries to overflowing. The sentor received the strictest attention of his colleagues, nearly all of whom were present, together with a considerable number of members of the house, who occupied a place in the rear of the chamber. Among the visitors in the galleries there was a large number of negro men and women, many of whom have been present on every occasion when Senator Foraker defended the negro soldiers of

SENATOR FORAKER.

the Twenty-fifth regiment against the charg eof having "shot up" the town of Brownsville on the night of Aug. 13-14.

As on the previous occasions, Senator Foraker made a plea for the dismissed men, urging that they be reinstated.

Illegal diversion of public funds by the president and W. H. Taft, while secretary of war, to pay for the investigation by private detectives into the Brownsville affair were charged by Sentor Foraker in his speech replying to statements that Herbert Brown of this city and William Baldwin of Roanoke, Va., who were employed by the secretary of war to secure evidence of guilt of the negro soldiers at Brownsville. The government using private detectives was characterized by Mr. Foraker as "atrocious, shocking and revolting."

The charge of illegally diverting $15,000 from the war fund of $3,000,000 appropriated by the deficiency act of March 3, 1899, was made by Foraker in his concluding remarks, which consisted of a careful consideration of certain legal phases of the Brownsville affair and the reading of anumber of affidavits by soldiers whose testimony and "confessions" Brown alleged to have secured to unravel the mystery of the identity of the men who did the shooting and these affidavits were denied with great particularity of nearly every statement of importance by detectives.

Without debate and without reference to a committee the senate passed the resolution presented by Senator Foraker calling on the secretary of the treasury for an itemized statement of the expenditure of $3,000,000 approved by act of aMrch 1, 1899, to be expended at the direction of the president as an emergency fund. This was the fund out of which Detectives Brown and Baldwin were paid for services in investigating the Brownsville affair.

KITCHIN GOVERNOR.

Represented His North Carolina District Six Times In Congress.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 12.—The inauguration as governor of North Carolina of Hon. W. W. Kitchin of Roxboro, for twelve years Democratic member of congress from this state, took place here Tuesday in the presence of thousands, the city being crowded with visitors. The parade was the feature of the day, sixteen military companies being in line, with many civic organizations.

HORSES HOLOCAUSTED.

Two Carloads Are Consumed by Fire in a Livery Barn.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Jan. 12.—Two carloads of horses, collected for shipment to Texas points, were burned Tuesday at a fire in a livery barn in Colorado City. The flames were communicated to other buildings. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

Swine Breeders' Meet.

Sherman, Tex., Jan. 12.—The Texas Swine Breeders' association is in session here with President Moulden of Collin county in the chair. Following this meeting the Texas Corn Growers' association will meet here. Already more than 100 displays for the corn show have arrived.

Large Bonus Raised.

Pecos, Tex., Jan. 12.—Citizens here raised $35,000 bonus for a Pecos-Toyah Valley railroad. The line will run to Halmorhe, opening up 300,000 acres of rich farm lands. M. D. Swinehart says construction will begin March 1.

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A CAREFUL JUDGE.

The Way the Law Is Administered In Merrie England.

A friend of mine, wishing to make a present of a ring to an acquaintance who was on the eve of being married, bought the article and han[illegible]ed it to the jeweler, with instructions to have a suitable inscription engraved upon it, making a stipulation that it should be finished and returned by a certain date, otherwise it would be useless. Months elapsed before the ring was delivered. It was sent back to the jeweler. The tradesman took out a summons, and my friend had to come back to town and sit in a stuffy court all day without the case being called. Next morning he bribed the usher to let him know when the case was called. He was sent for at lunchtime and sat till a quarter past 4 listening to anything but edifying matters which had to be disposed of first. By this time the old gentleman on the bench was fast asleep. The jeweler's case was called, and my friend's solicitor stated the defense. At its close the legal functionary slowly disentangled himself from the embrace of Morpheus, opened one eye, grunted, "Verdict for plaintiff," and lumbered heavily out of court. My friend was furious and addressed the judge in terms the reverse of p[illegible]lite. The usher endeavored to pacify him and eventually led him out of court, and after pocketing another half sovereign he remarked: "Yes, sir; it's very 'ard, I know. But, you know, sir, he allers gives a verdict for the plaintiff after 4 o'clock!"—London Strand Magazine.

The Bloom on the Egg.

"I know these eggs at least are fresh," said the young housewife. "As I took them from the basket a white bloom, like the down of a peach, came off on my hands."

Her husband, a food expert, gave a sneering laugh.

"In that case," he said, "I'll forego my usual morning omelette. That bloom, my dear, proves your eggs to be a year or so old—maybe four or five years old.

"The bloom, as you so poetically call it, is lime dust. It shows that the eggs are pickled. Lime dust, which rubs off like flour, is the surest test we have for pickled eggs—a not unwholesome article, but not to be compared with the new laid sort."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Riddle.

Here is a strange riddle which we have never met before. It is sent us by a friend from Jhansi, India:

Divide 150 by o. Add two-thirds of 10. So ends the riddle.

Here is the answer: CoLENSO.

C—100.

L—50.

EN—two-thirds of TEN.

SO—ends the riddle.—London Scraps.

ANOTHER EXPLOSION.

For Second Time Mine Is Scene of Dire Disaster.

Bluefields, W. Va., Jan. 12.—A second explosion has occurred in the Lick Branch mine. At 1 o'clock Tuesday rescue parties could not enter owing to the intense heat. At that time it was thought over 100 miners had perished. A majority of the men are Americans.

Katy Road Pays Taxes.

Sherman, Jan. 12.—The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Sompany of Texas has paid its state and county taxes for Grayson county, amounting to $14,365.83.

Representatives of the anti-prohibitionists are here from Houston taking a list of the poll tax payments of Grayson county. So far only 315 poll taxes outside of Denison have been paid in the county, which is said to be slightly more than was paid at this same date last year. It is conceded that the Prohibitionists are paying this tax more rapidly than the antis.

Protest Heard.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The board of engineers heard Port Arthur's protest against a twenty-eight foot channel to the mouths of Wakes and Sabins rivers to reach Beaumont and Orange. Port Arthur and Sabine asked the board to authorize a thirty-foot channel to these two places before improivng the waterways to eBaumont and Orange, but the board of engineers referred them to the rivers and harbors committee for consolidation.

Thirty 'Possums Received.

Atlanta, aJn. 12.—Thirty 'possums have been received from Judge Park of Worth county for the Taft banquet here Friday night. Besides sending thirty 'possums Judge Park also sent three cooks to assist in the preparation of the 'possums.

Church Property Purchased.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Representatives of the Southern Commercial congress have closed a deal whereby that organization purchases the St. Matthew's Roman Catholic church property, Fifteenth and H streets, Northwest. It is planed to raise an endowment fund of $1,000,000 and construct a twelve-story office building.

Severe on San Juan Islands.

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 12.—A report from the San Juan islands state the earthquake shock was more severe there. At Point Stanley Lopez, East Sound and Olga and other places buildings were damaged to a considerable extent. No casualties were reported.

To Vote Feb. 16.

Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 12.—Mayor Rhode has called an election for Feb. 16 for the selection of city commissioners under the new cha[illegible]er. Tulsa was the first city in [illegible]ahoma to adopt a commission for[illegible] government.

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AS TO EDUCATION.

There is more humbugery in education than in any other one thing except religion. Religion is the best thing in the world and education is next, therefore they are the most counterfieited. These statements may be startling to some but they are true nevertheless. The trouble is, there are so many who have no correct conception of what true religion or true education is, or it seems so to the writer, though it is possible of course, that he may be in error and the majority may be right. All he claims is that if he is wrong it is because he hadn't sense enough to learn, and that is not his fault. He knows he has tried hard enough.

The fundamental error is that learning is education. Learning has about the same relation to education that eating has to the growth and development of the body. All the educator can do is to supply the young mind with wholesome pabulum in such form that it will be agreeable to the intellectual palate and easy to digest and assimilate, and to provide means and opportunities for wholesome and enjoyable exercise. The appetite and the love of activity are every bit as natural and universal in the mind as they are in the body. Children hunger and thirst for knowledge Who has not seen the baby, perhaps only a few days old, gaze steadily at a light or try with its tiny fingers to catch the sunbeams that filter through the lattice. This intellectual appetite of children is called curiosity and is manifested in a thousand ways. Some parents treat it as a nuisance and even punish children for it. Blind fools! No wonder many children of well meaning parents go to the bad. It is surprising that there are not many more victims of such ignorance and folly.

Some children have too much curiosity just as some have abnormal appetites. In other cases children seek for improper and hurtful knowledge as others crave wholesome food. It is the business of the parent and teacher to restrain these evil tendencies and to provide such aliment for the mind as will promote growth and increase of strength. But all such cases are exceptional and require special treatment. It is not right to subject normal children to a regimen that is suited only to the few cases that are particular either because of some unfortunate heredity or unfavorable circumstances.

In order to be beneficial the acquisition of knowledge and all intellectual activities should be pleasurable. It is as unreasonable, as unjust, as cruel to force a child to study as it is to compel one to eat. The assigning of tasks with a penalty for non-fulfilment is all wrong. If a child fails to learn a lesson willingly, gladly, it is either because it is not the kind of lesson for him or because the teacher does not understand his business. Often it is both. Who would not condemn a parent who punished a child for failing to eat every day a prescribed quantity of beans or any other kind of food? The same condemnation should be visited on the teacher who punishes a boy or girl for failing to work so many examples or commit to memory so many rules.

These are only a few random thoughts on this great subject. Doubtless some will regard them as heretical, but to the writer they are God's truth. If anybody wishes to discuss this question in the proper spirit and with the sincere desire to place the truth before the people, these columns are open. Honest discussions cannot fail to do good. The people need to be enlightened. The only hope of real and lasting progress, prosperity and felicity lies in such education as will enable the young to preceive the true relations that subsist between everything (including ourselves) to every other being and thing in this great universe of matter and mind. In other words, the young should learn that the reign of law is universal, that the punishment for violated law is inevitable and that happiness consists in attuning our souls to the harmony of the universe.

Whether or not state-wide prohibition will be submitted depends on whether or not eleven senators vote against submission. That number can defeat it.

The prospects for peace in all America are indeed most encouraging. Castro and Carrie Nation are in Europe and Roosevelt will go to Africa in a few months.

A Kentuckian would whistle and sing when his wife wanted to give him a good talking to, and now she has sued for a divorce. Who blames her for being unwilling to stand such cruelty.

In divorces Texas is only a few hundred behind Illinois and if the rate of increase is kept up will hold first place in a year or two. Getting married and getting unmarried are both too easy.

While still opposed as it always has been, on general principles to state-wide prohibition, The Eagle favors submitting the question because that is the quickest and best way to stop the agitation. In fact, it is the only way.

If Tennessee does adopt state-wide prohibition, which seems probable, it will not be because a majority of the people favor it, per se, but because they take this means of expressing their indignation against the gang that murdered Carmack, of whom Governor Patterson is the creature.

The tax assessors association of Texas is up in arms against the commercial secretaries association, alleging that the latter organization is working in the interest of "the interests." The Eagle has often expressed the opinion that the commercial secretaries are to a subservient to "outside capital." Texas is doing well and don't need to sell the birthright of her people to outside capital for a mess of pottage.

Nowhere is love of country more intense than among the Montenegrins, to whom exile is the greatest of punishments. When W. J. Stillman was there in the seventies all the free men were away fighting, and he observed that when a messenger was wanted the official took a man out of the prison and sent him off, with no fear that he would not return. One such messenger was sent to Cattaro, in Austrian territory, with a large sum of money for the bank, and he duly came back. Another asked a Russian at Cattaro to intercede with Prince Nicholas for his release from prison. "But you are not in prison," said the Russian. "Oh," said the man, "I have only come down for a load of skins for So-and-so, but I must go into prison again when I get back to Cettinje." One prison guard watched all the prisoners when they sunned themselves out of doors, and if he was called away a prisoner would take his rifle and act as sentry for the time.

Abroad.

Abroad is a locality entirely surrounded by seasickness. In another view it is a bourne more or less mysterious, bounded on its farther side by your income and on its hither side by custom houses where you have to declare everything you bring back with you except a foreign accent and one change of hosiery.

Abroad is where—

1. They put
a. Labels all over your luggage and
b. It all over you.
2. You are almost always going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and the good Samaritan invariably wants a tip.

Abroad is the stage of history, but that is only because history made the too common mistake of not seeing America first.—Puck.

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The Palestine Herald had many complimentary things to say of the Spooner-Wallcck Company's productions and according to what we have heard Mr. John Mike has secured the best traveling Stock company now touring the South. Their performance of that beautiful play, My Rose of Dixieland evinced the approbation that it deserves and served as an admirable vehicle for Miss Allie Spooner's histrionic talent. Miss Spooner carried away the principle honors as Rose. Mr. Edwin N. Wallocks skill as an actor who obtained recognition from the severest critics, gave a capital peformance as Winston Jefferson. Mrs. Sponer was very fine as Mammy Cindy and Mr. Spooner was all that could be desired in the character of Mr. Calhoun, father of Rose. Concerning the performance tomorrow night the Palestine Herald has this to say: "Did you ever laugh so heartily in all your life?" "Well say! that man Spooner is great isn't he?" "Yes and so are the rest too." came back an answer. Such was the conversation the next day after the Spooner-Wallock's performance of Seth Swap, a Yankee in Cuba. And it was all true, too. The play is one of the most laughable comedies ever witnessed on the local stage. The inexplicable and bewildering situations in which the Yankee becomes enmeshed is too laughable for words You must see it to appreciate the excellent comedy. Mr. Spooner is physicaly and temperamentally well suited to the part and he plays it to perfection. The parts assumed by Miss Allie Spooner and Mr. Wallock are in most capable hands and they deserve special mention. The opening dance by Miss Allie Spooner, Miss Hail, and Miss Huston is very good, clean and artistic. Mr. Pitman at the piano is a high ranking artist who plays far better than any one heard here this season. The company including Mrs. Spooner, Ole Ness, Bertram Millar, and a number of others are all first class and play their parts well. This is a strong company and they deserve the large houses they get ev rywhere. The specialties and songs are very good. Miss Spooner usually has to respond to three or four encores and then take as many bows.

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First National Election.

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Miss Mills to Wed an Earl.

New York, Jan., 13.—To the long list of heiresses who have wedded foreign titles another will be added tomorrow, when Miss Beatrice Mills daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills, will become the bride of the Earl of Granard. The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of D. Ogden Mills, the millionaire financier of New York and San Francisco, and a niece of Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, wife of the ambassador to Great Brittain.

The wedding will take place in the afternoon at the home of the bride's parents in East Sixty-ninth street. The wedding will be a comparatively small affair, followed by a large reception. Included among the guests will be the Mackays, Astors, Vanderbilts, Sloans and other families of highest prominence in New York society.

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The Ladies Aid society of the Free Baptist church will give a tea at the residence of Mrs. T. A. Searcy Friday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock. An invitation is extended to all to attend.

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We take this method of thanking our friends for past patronage. 1908 has passed and we turn our face to the future with renewed hope and determination to do our best. We solicit your business promising careful attention to your wants and the best of everything in our line. We wish for you and yours A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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RAILROAD TIME CARD.

H. & T. C. Schedule.

No. 3 North bound..........1:38 p.m.
No. 5 North bound..........12:46 a.m.
No. 2 South bound..........3:40 p.m.
No. 6 South bound..........2:48 a. m.

I. & G. N. Schedule.

No. 14 North bound.......12:58 p. .m
No. 15 South bound........4:11 p. m.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Mr. Jesse Henry was a visitor to the city Tuesday.

Dr. I. F Betts of Marlin is visiting friends in this city.

Mr. Lum Holden of Cottonwood was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. H. R. Hays is the guest of relatives at Montgomery.

Miss Board has returned from a week's visit to Marlin.

Just one more week of Inventory Sale, see Hunter & Chatham and save money. 34

Miss Lucile Batte arrived yesterday from a visit to Austin.

Mrs. J. G. Rentz of Houston is visiting relatives at Tabor.

Mr. Harlan McGee has returned from a trip to Ballinger and Houston.

Mr. Lum Holden of Tabor was a visitor to the city Tuesday.

DOOLY YAMS—$1 00 per bushel, 30 cents per bucket, delivered. Phone F. W. Yeager, 241. 33

Mr. J. W. Wiley of Tabor transacted business here Tuesday.

. Roger Astin visited his Brazos n plantation yesterday.

Emmett Cole is here from San io on a visit to relatives.

er cent discount on our en men's overcoats and crav hing reserved. Parks & 32

Lock and Watt McNeely their father in Austin.

ll not be a meeting of the b until further notice.

ent saved on new blankets Wilson & Derden's blanket 32

V. Davenport from near the n was in the city Tuesday.

& Co. of Dallas, offer big this week in under mus goods, etc. Suits, dresses, $38.50 for less than $20.00. your orders. Phone 308. tle Mike, Agent. 31

Ex-Lieutenant Governor Neal was a visitor from Navasota yesterday.

Mr. E. B. Terrell of Navasota transacted business in Bryan yesterday.

A shipment of goods was sent out to Kosarek & Merka., at Smetana, Tuesday.

Read prices on blankets. Every pair new at a saving of 20 per cent. Wilson & Derden. 32

Mr. Frank Brigance of Navasota was a business visitor to the city yesterday.

Wanted To Buy—High grade Jersey heifers. Aply to M. W. Sims, Jr. 41

Miss Lena Fisher returned to her home in Hearne yesterday after a visit to Mrs. Joe Groginsky.

Wilson & Derden's special sale on blankets and comforts begins today. 32

Mrs. A. A. Sanders returned to her home in Iola, Grimes county, yesterday after a visit to Mrs. W. S. Higgs of this city.

Hon Guy M. Bryan of Houston was in the city yesterday to attend the meeting of the board of directors of the First National bank.

Bright baled shucks are as good as hay for cattle. Five bales for $1.00. We need the room. Jno. C. Vick. 34

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Eastham returned to their home in Italy yesterday after a visit to Mrs. Eastham's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Howell.

Ladies—Our annual cash sale of white begins Thursday, January 14th. Nellie H. Ballard, Agent for Levy Bros. of Houston. 33

Mr. J. S. Harvey, road master of District No. 3, I. & G. N., headquarters Navasota, was in the city yesterday on business connected with his department of the road.

25 per cent discount on all men's woolen underwear at Parks & Waldrop's. 32

Earthquake News.

Are coming in daily, but the big discount we are giving on all furnishing goods, hats and shoes this week make just as interesting news to the man who wants to make a little money go a long ways. We give you three dollars in merchandise for two dollars in cash. How's that? Hunter & Chatham. 34

Read This.

When you want trunks hauled to or from depots, phone 161. 52

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

JNO. B. MIKE, MANAGER

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STOCK COMPANY

Commencing Monday Night, January 11

LITTLE LOCALS.

The weather was 10 degrees warmer at 1 o'clock yesterday than at midnight Monday, and Tuesday afternoon the ice was melting.

A fatal disease has made its appearance among plantation mules in this section. The symptoms are similar to blind staggers. A Bryan man lost four head of work mules from the ailment during the past few days.

Sales of railroad tickets, at this point, which a few weeks ago ran up to as high as $500 for one train, several days in sucession, amounted to $3 Monday night. The local man of the newspaper was certainly on a cold trail for news yesterday.

Pinckney Ford, one of The Eagle's carrier boys, was out skating late yesterday afternoon, and not being accustomed to this kind of youthful sport, suffered a fall and received a right bad cut on one of his arms. The injury is not serious however and no doubt the young man will be able to resume his duties within a short while.

A skating party went to Smith and Winter's tank yesterday morning, but the ice was found to be too thin for safety. Several Bryan boys who graduated from Northern colleges learned to use ice skates while away, and brought skates home with them, which were put in commission yesterday. It is believed that skating will be good on the tanks and lakes hereabouts today.

The fact that Bryan paid more for cotton Monday than was offered at the ports was a surprise to many people in this city, who were unaware (until they read the Eagle Tuesday morning) that Bryan is the best spot cotton market in the state. The Eagle has established the fact throughout this trade territory of Bryan's superiority as a trade center, and it believes it can stablish the fact that Brazos county is among the best agricultural districts in the state. It is preparing to get a line on just what a number of successful farmers in this section have accomplished in the way of making money out of their farming operations, and just how they conduct these operations.

City National Elects Officers.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the City National Bank held in the offices of the bank here Tuesday, the following board of directors was re-elected: Messrs. G. S. Parker, E. H. Astin, A.W.Wilkerson, J.K.Parker, J. W. English, and J. N. Cole. The directors re-elected the officers who have served the interests of patrons of the institution so well in the past, as follows: G. S. Parker, president; E. H. Astin, vice president; A. W. Wilkerson, cashier; E. W. Crenshaw, assistant cashier. The strong financial position of the City National is due to the good business methods of these officers, and their re-election is a recognition of the service they have performed.

There are forty-six manufacturers of sewing machines in America.

How many can you name? How many did you ever hear of? One name comes to the mind of every woman immediately—The Singer—and there is a very good reason.

The Singer company makes and sells as many machines in each year as all the other forty-five combined.

Phone 105, T. A. Satterwhite, salesman and collector. tf

Brazos Bottom Farm for Rent.

For Rent—187 1-4 acres cultivated black land in Brazos bottom of Burleson county, near Wellborn, known as the T. R. Batte place. Address Mrs. Fannie Carroll. owner 115 East Myrtle Street, San Antonio, Texas. 36

THE WEATHER.

Special to Bryan Morning Eagle.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 12.—Tonight generally fair; Wednesday, generally fair, rising temperature.—Cline.

Weather Notes.

Galveston, Jan. 11—The cold wave announced yesterday is rapidly approaching the coast and its influence is now being felt in this vicinity. At time of report the temperature was below freezing throughout the interior of the State, while on the immediate coast it was still above 60 degrees. It is accompanied by sleet and snow in many portions of the State. In the northwest the temperature is below zero, the lowest reported being 46 degrees below at Winnipeg. The zero line pases through northern Kansas, and the freezing line dips southward below San Antonio.

At 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the following was flashed by the chief dispatcher of the I. & G. N. at Mart: All concerned—Weather bureau reports cold wave. Will continue cold Wednesday; possibly colder tonight (Tuesday night) and tomorrow. Colder tonight (meaning Tuesday night) than in 48 hours. Please post for informationof public.

(Signed) E. G. G.

River Bulletin.

River Stages: In feet and tenths. (75th Meridian time.)

Stations	Flood stage	Stage at 8 a. m.
Brazos River—		
Kopperl	21.0	0.1
Waco	22.0	1.6
Valley Junction	40.0	3.8

River Forecast.

There will be no important change in the Trinity, Brazos and Colorado rivers.

B. BUNNEMEYER.

The railway Western Classification committee has revoked the rule requiring boot and shoe cases or cases containing boots and shoes to be fastened with cement coated nails. This rule was promulgated several months ago. The railroad boys and the Eagle man at the time searched through the lore of the ages now gone in an effort to identify the cement coated nail. The effort was unsuccessful and Mr. Houston Cole was called into consultation as an expert. He had a list of every nail ever made and the most of them in stock, but nary a cemented coated sticker in the assortment. Since the committee has revoked the rule, we are inclined to believe the wise men of that august body don't know what a cement coated nail is either.

Cut Price Blanket Sale

65c Cotton Blankets, 44c per pair
$1.25 Cotton Blankets 1 1-4 size, 89c
$1.75 Cotton Blankets, 1 1-4 size, $1.39
$2.25 Cotton Blankets, 1 1-4 size, $1.79
$4.50 White Wool, 1 1-4 size Blankets $3.85 per pair.
$5.00 White all Wool Fancy Border, 1 1-4 size Blankets, $4.45 per pair.
$5.50 White all Wool Fancy Border, 1 1-4 size Blankets, $4.65 per pair
$7.00 Gray Fancy Border, all Wool, 1 1-4 size Blankets, $5.95 per pair.
$9.00 Fine all Wool California Blankets, Silk Binding, 1 1-4 size, $7.65

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KENNEDY ELECTED.

Hon. A. M. Kennedy of McLennan county was elected speaker of the house of representatives at Austin Tuesday afternoon. Hon. W. C. Davis of this city who was a strong candidate for the speakership, withdrew in favor of the Waco man, which elected him.

THE COTTON MARKET.

The feature of the spot market is its strength. Notwithstanding a bumper crop, the price continues to hold at levels established before the ginners' report was issued, and this report was expected to exert a bearish influence on the market. Mr. Hester says that the mills will consume 13,500,000 bales. He is in a position to know more about such matters than perhaps anyone else and is considered an authority. Mr. Hester don't usually guessat the price of cotton, but he figures the amount grown and the amount consumed, and then those who want to speculate as to the effect, supply and demand will exert on the price, can place their money.

The price of silver has recently advanced, and on this account China is taking more of the finished product than she would otherwise do. The dry goods trade is improving, the mills are buying heavily for investment, it is said, and this writer expects to see higher prices for the remnant of the crop than is now offered. If he owned any cotton he would store it in a Bryan warehouse, giving the warehouse man a limit at which to sell. Bryan has proved to be the best interior spot market in the state during the season now closing, and there is no reason to believe her buyers will not go the limit to the end of the game. Knowing exactly what the buyers here have done, is the reason he would store his cotton in Bryan and sell in this market.

Liverpool responded to the American advance Tuesday and opened 5 1-2 points up. with spot sales of 12,000 bales for the day. Later on the market weakened and closed 3 1-2 points down. The American markets ruled narrow, and closed 5 to 6 points down.

There is a good demand for spot cotton, and the McFaddens are liberal purchasers of the real article. The mills, too are buying heavily.

Bryan prices Tuesday:
Low middling 7 3-4c.
Strict low middling 8 3-8c.
Middling 8 3-4c.
Strict middling 8 15-16c.
Good middling 9 1-8c.

There was practically no cotton sold on the local market yesterday.

Bishop Seth Ward will lecture at the First Methodist church Thursday night, the 14th, under the auspices of the Allen Academy Y. M. C. A. for the benefit of the reading room. Tickets on sale at Parks & Waldrop's and Brandon & Lawrence's. Admission 25 cents. 32

One-Third Off.

For balance of this week and all of next we have decided to continue our Inventory Sale, and instead of one-fourth off on everything, as we have advertised the past week, we will give One-Third off on all Hats, Cravenette Overcoats, Pants, Mackintoshes, fancy Vests, Wool Overshirts, Sweaters, Bath robes, Smoking Jackets, Mufflers, Reefers, Fobs, Collar and Cuff buttons, Stick Pins and all 75 and $1.00 neckwear.

One-fourth off as heretofore on everything else in the house.

Such opportunities do not come often. "You had better" stand up and take notice. Hunter and Chatham. 31

House for Rent— Desirably situated. D. Mike. 35

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Office upstairs over Smith Drug Co.

33 1/3 Per cent Discount

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Formerly conducted by W. P. Trant. EVERYTHING BRIGHT AND FRESH and service will be first-class. ay and weekly boarders solicited.

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Buy Tickets—It's Cheaper.

C. W. Buckhaults.

Another car Oklahoma ear corn on track. Jno. C. Vick. 34

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EUGENE EDGE

ON THE CORNER

NOTIONS

Mennen's Talcum Powder, 25c value
12c a box

PERFUMES AND SOAP

All 25c bottles of Perfume, 12c.
All 25c cakes of Soap, 12c.

11-4 $15.00 pure wool Blankets, blue and white taffeta silk bindings. Skidoo price:
$12.50 a pair

11-4 $12.50 warranted pure wool Blankets. Blue or pink borders, taffeta silk bindings:
$.853 a pair

The sudden change in the weather, characteristic of this season of the year, is a warning of the cold winter approaching. This week we place on our tables a large assortment of fine Blankets for your inspection, and at Skidoo prices. When the bell rings "Skidoo 23 sale is free.

50c	Blankets,	Skidoo	at	4[illegible]c per pair
75c	"	"	"	69c " "
98c	"	"	"	83c " "
$1.25	"	"	"	98c " "
1.50	"	"	"	$1.13 " "
1.75	"	"	"	1.33 " "
2.50	"	"	"	2.13 " "
3.00	"	"	"	2.23 " "
2.00	"	"	"	1.73 " "

NOTIONS

25c quality Ladies' Hose Supporters, Skidoo 19c.
50c quality Ladies' Driving Gloves, Skidoo 19c.
35c Hair brushes, rosewood finish, Skidoo 19c.

BLANKETS

10-4 $5.00 Blankets, Skidoo at
$3.23 a pair

11-4 $10.00 Blankets, Skidoo at
$7.53 a pair

11-4 $8.00 Blankets, Skidoo at
$4.98 a pair

Only a few $25 U. S. A. Rifles left. Better hurry; Skidoo at $1.95 each

New Year, New Firm, New Goods

Start the New Year right by buying for Cash

MARWILL'S CASH GROCERY

Full line of Staple and Fancy Groceries, Wines and Liquors in bottles and bulk. I will appreciate a share of your patronage. Respectfully

HARRY MARWILL

TILLMAN MAKES REPLY.

Senator Answers the Accusation of President Roosevelt.

USES VIGOROUS WORDS.

Made No Effort to Conceal Effort to Buy Land, Spoke to Attorney General and Secret Service Agent and Will Compare Record With Any Man

Washington, Jan. 11.—Senator Tillman replied today to the charges made against him by the president of having exerted his official influence as a senator to bring suit against railroads of the northwest in order that he might be able to purchase land held by the Southern Oregon Railway company, and granted to the state of Oregon in 1868 for the construction of a military road.

"In my public work here," said Senator Tillman, "I have not hesitated to criticise and comment on the official actions and utterances of President Roosevelt and I have doubtless given him good cause to seek revenge. I have at various times arraigned him in the senate for tyrannical invasion of the rights of congress, for usurpa-

BENJAMIN R. TILLMAN.

tion of authority not given him by the constitution, for disobedience of the law and the neglect of duty and particularly in the case of Mrs. Morris, for brutal and cruel conduct toward a helpless woman. I was not aware that these darts of mine had quivered in the executive hide and stung him so, but the eagerness and intensity with which he has presented his case against me, his making a precedent when none has existed before, his taking from the committee to which he has forwarded the papers and giving them to the press before that committee had considered them, indicates that Theodore Roosevelt enjoys to the limit the feeling of getting even with Ben Tillman and lays on the 'big stick' with the keenest relish, doubtless believing that the 'pitch fork' has gone out of business."

In addressing the senate Mr. Tillman arose to a question of personal privilege, declaring that for the first time in the history of this government, so far as he had been able to learn, a member of the senate had been brought to the bar of opinion before the senate itself, to be judged under the indictment by no less a person than the president of the United States. The manner of doing it, he said, and the animus and zeal displayed by the chief executive were worthy of consideration.

Mr. Tillman called attention to the publication of these charges by the president before they had been considered by the senate committee to which they were referred and declared that in so doing the president had treated the senate with "that contempt which has been his wont." He declared that the president was an adept at advertising and had used the press with more skill than any man in American politics.

"Another probable reason for his great haste," said the South Carolina senator, "was that he sought to distract attention from the action of the house of representatives on Friday in laying part of his message on the table, by the sensational accusation against a man who has had long service in the senate.

"An examination of the president's letter to Mr. Hale, which might just as well have been a special message of the type with which we are so familiar," said Mr. Tillman, "will show that the president's charges, boiled down, amount to two in number.

"First he promotes me to membership in the Ananias club and charges in effect, that I have deliberately lied to the senate.

"Second, he charges that I have exerted my official influence and work as a senator for my personal benefit alone to secure the passage of a resolution and to press the department of justice to bring suit against the corporation which holds so much of the public domain in the west and will not sell it to settlers under terms of their grants from the government.

"He has prepared his indictment with consummate ability and skill. He is even cunning in the apparently innocent pretense that in making a search through the secret service for one kind of malefactor, he has run down another, and the case of that one, of such importance that his sense of official obligation compelled him to prompt action. Mark you, he has been in the possession of all the facts in this case since July last and men will be curious to know why, if his zeal was honest, he did not make them known then."

Quoting from the president's message to the house on Jan. 4, in which he said he had no charges of corruption against congress, nor against any member of the present house, Mr. Tillman said:

"It follows that he found no grounds for indicting me in the courts, which no doubt would have rejoiced him overmuch, and all this fuss, fury and fustian about the seriousness of the case and the gravity of the offense with which he charges me can be attributed to personal malice alone."

Referring to the president's letter to Senator Hale, Mr. Tillman declared that the president recognized the extraordinary character of his action as well as the unlawful use he has made of the secret service. Mr. Tillman said he did not deny the authenticity of the letter or the telegram of which photographs were made and he presumed the letter from William E. Lee was also a correct copy, but he was not aware of its existence until it was brought to his attention by the president's statement, and added that he was not in any way responsible for Mr. Lee's ideas expressed in it. Taking up the president's statement concerning Dorr, a land agent, making his filings through Reeder & Watkins of Marshfield, Oregon, Mr. Tillman said:

"It will be noted that I accused Dorr in the senate of being a swindler and asked the postoffice department to issue a fraud order against him. Dorr declared in his circular:

"'So sure is Senator Tillman of our success that he has subscribed and paid the necessary fees for a quarter section for himself and ten other sections for ten of his nearest relatives.' It was this bold and outrageous falsehood mainly that caused me to denounce Dorr as a swindler as well as to declare in the senate he had no warrant for the assertion. The sleuths which the president put upon my trail have made their report and a perusal of it shows to any fair mind that so far from endeavoring to justify the fraud order against Dorr, they were really put to work to investigate me and endeavor, if possible, to discover something to my discredit, while the president directed the investigation. I say this because it is hardly possible that a postoffice inspector would set about getting photographic copies of letters of a United States senator and trying to convict him of lying if the orders did not come from a high source.

"Let us suppose for a moment that I was guilty of a falsehood in declaring that I had not undertaken to purchase any land. What did that have to do with Dorr's transparent and open use of the mails to induce men to send him money to purchase land? Dorr's declaration that I had paid the fees is an absolute falsehood and the postoffice inspectors while they searched the records for entries at Coquille, 'noted that Reeder & Watkins had filed several hundred applications,' no where mentioned that any had been filed in my name or for me. Therefore, the falsehood is proven on Dorr, and yet the president declared the assault which Senator Tillman made on Dorr was according to the report of the inspector a wanton, assault made to cover up Senator Tillman's own transaction.

"No such statement was made by the inspector. In fact, so earnestly intent on convicting Senator Tillman is the president that he actually commits himself to this proposition, to-wit: Tillman, voluntarily and without any compulsion from any source and with nothing to conceal, brought up a matter in the senate which he need not have done to cover up transactions which were absolutely unknown to any one except himself and his correspondents, Reeder & Watkins, and were entirely honorable and clean. Much exposure closed out the swindlers. Dorr, when his mail was not delivered, retired from the land business and became a fruit grower, as reported by the inspectors. The swindlers had secured a good many thousands of dollars before the exposure in the senate stopped people from being duped, and yet Theodore Roosevelt, who poses as the only remaining honest man in public life, in the face of these facts, has felt called upon to attack the character of a man whose integrity has never before been questioned and whose official position is second only to his own. In doing this he makes a false declaration, for the inspectors no where say anything of such things as above quoted, which can be proven by an examination of their report.

"Now about the lying. My letter of Feb. 15, of which the president has secured a photographic copy, antedated by four days my statement in the senate that I had not bought any land or undertaken to buy any, and the president considers this positive proof of falsehood. I did not say I had not considered the purchase of land; I did not say I had not contemplated the purchase of land because I hade done both.

"In my conversation with the attorney general in regard to the resolution which I introduced and which he himself prepared after we had talked over the whole land situation, I distinctly remember telling him that my interest in the matter had been first aroused by my desire to purchase some of the timber land, and that my coming to him was due to the fact that I found upon investigation that I could not buy it through any agency so whatsoever, that I could not buy it even by law suit, because I was advised by very able lawyers in the west, among them the Hon. George Turner of Washington, that in attacking the holders of those land grants, no one would have any standing in court except the grantor, the government itself. I was perhaps, disingenous, but a moment's thought will convince any honest minded man that as I had not signed any papers, had not paid any money, had taken nobody's receipts, the usual processes by which one undertakes to buy land, I was speaking accurately and not falsely. Everything hinges on the meaning of the word 'undertaken' and my use of it. Did I mean to conceal the fact that I was anxious to buy some of the land? Not at all. Did I mean to attack Dorr as a swindler when I myself was engaged in a dishonest and dishonorable transaction? That is what the president would have people believe. Can I be justly charged with falsehood, when if I had told the senate of the entire transaction it would have made no difference whatever, while I would have been charged with intruding my private affairs into a public discussion? Just what law did I break? What wrong did I do or contemplate? According to the report of the attorney general in answer to the resolution which I introduced and which passed the senate, Mr. Harriman, the president's dear friend, still holds in defiance of law, upwards of two millions of acres of the best lands of Oregon and California and refuses to sell them at any price. I never expected and could not under the terms of the law, as I construed it, get more than seven quarter sections for myself and family, one for my private secretary, and one for Mr. Lee, making nine in all. This in the aggregate would mean that I would obtain through my activity here as the president's charge, nine quarter sections, or 1440 acres at a cost of $4,500. Will the president undertake to say that I have lost my right to buy land because I am a senator? Can the president deny that my activity secured the passage of the resolution instructing the attorney general to bring suit for the recovery of this land for the use of actual settlers? If Harriman and others like him are made to disgorge by reason of these suits, shall the fact that I was endeavoring to buy a litttle pittance of land be used as the basis of a charge of being a liar and a corrupt senator to be disgraced?"

Senator Tillman then told how his attention had been brought to this land while at Spokane, Washington, in October, 1907. He wrote to Reeder & Watkins asking for information and telling them of his desire to purchase some of the land if possible. Desiring to find out if the conditions of the grant to the state of Oregon made it possible for "purchasers" and not "actual settlers" to buy at $2.50 per acre, he wired to the librarian of the senate for a copy of the fact. He wrote Mr. Lee at Moscow, Ida., and talked with him on the subject, arranging that he would go to Marshfield and investigate in person. He authorized Mr. Lee to draw on him if he found the lands were what they were represented to be.

"Lee's authority as my agent," he said "never went beyond an examination of the land and if the application was filed, to see that I got good timbered lands instead of rocks and marshes."

Mr. Tillman went on to detail in explaining his effort to learn the exact status of the lands and got an opinion from Senator Turner of Washington. After returning to Washington, D. C., in December he let the matter drop, believing it to be a "very doubtful proposition" until Mr. Lee showed him a letter from Reeder & Watkins, which Mr. Tillman said had been stolen from the desk in his committee room, along with other papers in this case and declared that the 'theft was probably by some of the secret service slueths.'

"When Reeder & Watkins," he said, "indicated their desire that I should exert my influence in the senate, I wrote the letter of Feb. 15, of which the president obtained a photographic copy. In the meantime and before that letter was written, and after a conference with the attorney general, I introduced the two resolutions of Jan. 31, one calling on the attorney general for information and the other, which became a law, instructing him to institute suits. My official activity then is shown to have taken form in the senate before I knew anything about Reeder & Watkins' attitude or expectations and I was in no way influenced by them.

"I was still anxious to obtain some of the land if it could be done legally and wrote Reeder & Watkins to that effect, but my faith in them, and in the whole scheme died when I received the circulars of Dorr, which came to me on Feb. 17 and 18, from three different directions, showing the widespread circulation of them."

Mr. Lee's report to him, he said, had led him to believe that Reeder & Watkins were not, "of the calibre and character" to be employed in a matter of such magnitude.

"Dorr, of whom I had never heard before," said he, "was evidently pushing his scheme of getting suckers to invest and using my name, as I have indicated, without authority, because I had not paid any fees to him or written to him or filed any applications. I, therefore, felt it incumbent on me to expose the swindle in the senate, which I did on Feb. 19 and asked the postoffice department to issue a fraud order. I pressed the passage of the joint resolution in the senate and on April 30 it became a law. March 18, I was taken ill and on May 16, after a partial recuperation, I sailed for Europe, returning Oct. 21.

"The president's sleuths set to do the dirty work of spying on a se... when that senator had exposed a fraud which was being perpetrated on the public, reported to him on July 27. I had nothing to do with the change in law on which the president complains in regard to the secret service. So the president's animus is not against me on the same ground for which he has attacked Messrs. Tawney, Smith and others in the house, but one of personal malice engendered by hatred because of my course in the senate during the last seven years.

"I have not attempted to deceive anybody; I have not told any falsehoods; I have not broken any laws; I have not been guilty of any immoral conduct. I had the right to purchase the land if I could, but my judgment told me it was unsafe as an investment. I would like to get some of it yet, and if the attorney general and his successors shall not die of old age before anything is done, it may be possible that I may have the opportunity to purchase some of these timber lands of which he made mention in his report. Through my action, attention has been directed in a compelling the deed of prompt action by the department of justice. Whether I ever get away with any of the land or not, does not matter, if Harriman and others of that ilk are made to disgorge the large holdings which they have stolen and are attempting to hold.

"The president," said Mr. Tillman, "capitalizes the words, 'AS WELL AS MYSELF,' as though it were unlawful, immoral or improper for a senator to buy any land or to act in the chamber on any question affecting his personal interest. I fail to see any sense or reason in this position, but I must submit that to the judgment of the senate and the country. I had not become a party to any litigation; I was not interested except as a private individual wanting to purchase and as a senator desiring to enable others to have opportunity to do so. Of course the president is sure that I have done something very discreditable and outrageous. He hates me and would destroy me if he could.

"The president gloats over the fact that my letter was given JUST FOUR DAYS BEFORE HE ANNOUNCED IN THE SENATE I HAD NOT UNDERTAKEN TO BUY ANY LAND IN THE WEST as clinching his contention that I have lied to the senate. The records show that in the interim, the Dorr circular had been sent to me on Feb. 19, when I made the exposure of Dorr, I said in the senate in the last day or two, I have had my attention called to a scheme of swindling, etc. It is easy for those who are themselves vulnerable to convict others on the most flimsy evidence and the president seems to work on that theory.

"On reading that Dorr circular, the whole scheme and combination of swindlers, Reeder & Watkins in Marshfield, and Dorr in Portland, (I did not know anything about Conro & Schaefer) flashed on my mind and remembering Lee's somewhat dubious report as to the character and qualifications of the firm of Reeder & Watkins I decided to see to it at once that my name should not be used to bring others into the game. Hence my action in the senate.

"The president dismisses with a wave of his hand any possibility of my honesty, by saying: 'It is unnecessary to comment on his proposal made in this letter to use his influence as a senator to force the government to institute a suit which would make it easy for him personally to obtain some of the land.' It might be well to inquire whether or not the attorney general has been ordered not to obey the law of congress passed last April which I will call the Tillman-Bonaparte law, ordering suit to be instituted for the recovery of these lands. My culpability of such magnitude in contemplating the purchase of 1,440 acres of land at $2.50 an acre in the eyes of the stickler for official rectitude in all others—that it may be found that he is determined to block my so-called nefarious transactions.

"The man announces to congress that he, Theodore Roosevelt, assumed the right to permit the steel trust to absorb its greatest rival, contrary to law, would doubtless not hesitate to help his near friend Harriman in holding 2,000,000 acres of the public domain because Ben Tillman has contemplated and wanted to buy 1,440 acres. The president, having convicted Tillman, proceeded to clear Dorr in both cases, contrary to the fact, and smilingly stares from the center of the stage, which is his greatest delight to occupy, and complacently looks to the American people and the senate to give their approval to his verdict. I await that verdict calmly and without fear and will gladly abide by it.

"In conclusion Mr. President, I court the most searching investigation. Nay, I demand it. I declare most emphatically I have never sought to conceal my effort to buy land; I spoke to the attorney general about it; I explained to the agent of the secret service the whole transaction when I gave him the Dorr circular and the letters which had been sent me concerning it. The question of motive will at last control, and it cannot be shown that I have any reason to conceal anything. I invite comparison of my private life and my public work as a man and as a senator with Theodore Roosevelt or any other man and feel absolutely sure of the ground upon which I stand."

Keeping Up the Limit.

In J. Comyns Carr's reminiscences is a characteristic anecdote of Burne-Jones, who had consulted his doctor about certain symptoms which seemed alarming.

"How many cigars do you smoke in a day?" the doctor inquired of his patient, to which Burne-Jones had carelessly replied, "Oh, I think about six." "Well," replied his adviser, "for the present you had better limit yourself to three." And in detailing the incident to me afterward Burne-Jones added, with a chuckle, "You know, my dear Carr, I never did smoke more than three."

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